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LAST WEEK WAS AVERAGE ONE AT BOSTON PIER

For the week ending February 16, 107 arrivals brought 3,942,200 pounds of fresh fish to the Boston fish pier as compared with 136 arrivals and receipts of 5,078,050 pounds in the corresponding week of 1932. Catches have been running better and the incoming boats report better fishing.

Receipts for the week were as follows as compared with 1932:

1933—1,736,900 pounds of haddock; 1,141,200 pounds of large cod; 366,100 pounds of market cod and 668,000 pounds of mixed fish.

1932—2,584,750 pounds of haddock; 340,280 pounds of large cod; 288,000 pounds of market cod; 1,825,050 pounds of mixed fish.

1931—3,086,400 pounds of haddock; 382,000 pounds of large cod; 218,000 pounds of market cod, 890,250 pounds of mixed fish.

From January 1 to date there have been 774 arrivals with 22,226,300 pounds of fresh fish as compared with 797 arrivals with 26,325,423 pounds of fresh fish.

During the week, large codfish sold ex vessel to wholesale dealers from 1 3-4 to 5 1-2 cents lb; market cod, 2 1-2 to 5 cents; haddock, 3 1-4 to 7 1-2 cents; lemon sole, 4 to 7 cents; and flounders, 1 to 7 cents. The corresponding week last year large codfish sold from 3 1-2 to 6 cents; market cod, 2 1-2 to 4 cents; haddock, 2 1-2 to 4 cents; lemon sole, 4 to 9 cents; flounders, 1 to 5 cents.

FISH PIER OPEN ON HOLIDAY

It is expected that the fish stores will not be closed on Wednesday, Washington's Birthday, as usual, but will remain open and carry on business.

In Halifax Repairs.

Springing a leak while she was on a voyage from Oporto, Portugal, the Newfoundland schooner Robert Esdale put into Halifax Friday for repairs. The vessel had taken a cargo of fish from Newfoundland to Oporto and was returning in ballast.

She will be hauled on the marine slip at Dartmouth.

Cod Catch Failure

Advices from the South report that the catch of codfish on the Jersey shore has been a failure.

FIRST HALIBUT FROM PACIFIC

The first arrivals of western halibut this season were received in Boston last week, and sold to wholesale dealers at 20 cents per pound. Five cars arrived during the week, and the prices declined to 12 cents at the end of the week.

TWO FARES FOR SPLITTERS

LOCAL RECEIPTS GROUND FISH
HAVE BEEN LIGHT SINCE
YESTERDAY.

Two trips of fish, large cod, came down from Boston yesterday afternoon for local splitters. The Laura Goulart brought a portion of her fare from the fish pier to the Pew wharf, and the trawler Andrew and Rosalie weighed out a portion of her trip at the Gorton wharf. All told, the days' receipts of groundfish, gill netters excepted, amounted to 109,000 pounds.

Only 10 gill netters lifted their gear yesterday. All of them found fishing very poor, the combined catch amounting to but 5500 pounds. Several of the local fleet at Boston yesterday came down to refit. Nearly all of the draggers and trawlers sailed for the grounds today.

Gloucester Arrivals and Receipts.

The arrivals and fares in detail:
Rosie C., dragging, 500 lbs. fresh fish.

Six Brothers, trawling, 2000 lbs. fresh fish.

Antonina, dragging, 2000 lbs. fresh fish.

Virginia and Mary, dragging, 500 lbs. fresh fish.

Laura Goulart, via Boston, 60,000 lbs. fresh fish.

Andrew and Rosalie, via Boston, 40,000 lbs. fresh fish.

Nova Antonio, trawling, 2500 lbs. fresh fish.

Minerva, trawling, 1500 lbs. fresh fish.

C. 6487, trawling, 500 lbs. fresh fish.

Alvan T. Fuller, via Boston.

Elvira Gasper, via Boston.

J. M. Marshall, via Boston.

Mary M., via Boston.

John A. Cooney, via Boston.

Emma Marie, via Boston.

Funchal, via Boston.

Yesterday's Gill Net Receipts.

Virginia and Joan, 1000 lbs. fresh fish.

Edna Fae, 200 lbs. fresh fish.

Liboria C., 500 lbs. fresh fish.

Nashawena, 200 lbs. fresh fish.

Alicia, 200 lbs. fresh fish.

Enterprise, 300 lbs. fresh fish.

Phyllis A., 500 lbs. fresh fish.

Lucretia, 800 lbs. fresh fish.

Elizabeth and James, 800 lbs. fresh fish.

Naomi Bruce III., 1000 lbs. fresh fish.

Sailed.

Antonina, dragging.

Serafina II., dragging.

Bethulia, dragging.

Rose Marie, dragging.

Capt. Drum, dragging.

Uncle Sam, dragging.

St. Peter, dragging.

Catherine Burke, haddocking.

Mary F. Curtis, haddocking.

Cape Ann, trawling.

Florence and John, trawling.

Lillian, trawling.

Helen L., trawling.

Gertrude E., trawling.

Six Brothers, trawling.

Nova Antonio, trawling.

Minerva, trawling.

Virginia and Mary, dragging.

Serafina II., dragging.

Four Sisters, trawling.

Rose Marie, dragging.

Rose Marie, trawling.

Carlo and Vence, dragging.

Sally Joseph, trawling.

Eva G. Clark, dragging.

Little Joe, dragging.

On the Railways.

The dragger Virginia and Mary is on Rocky Neck railways.

TWENTY-THREE ON HAND TODAY

RECEIPTS TOTAL NEARLY A
MILLION POUNDS AT THE
BOSTON PIER.

A fleet of 23 craft arrived today at the Boston fish pier with 715,000 pounds of groundfish and 204,400 pounds of mixed fish. In addition a number of fares among yesterday's arrivals held over until this morning, the boats being unable to get a chance to unload.

The market held about the same this morning. There was little change from yesterday's prices. Haddock opened at \$2.50 to \$3; large cod, \$1.50 to \$2 and market cod, \$1.50 to \$2.

The trade received overland yesterday 125 barrels of flounders from miscellaneous points; 270 boxes of salmon and halibut from the West coast, and a carload of Chesapeake bay oysters from Baltimore.

Boston Arrivals and Receipts.

The arrivals and fares in detail:
Str. Cornell, 44,000 haddock, 7000 cod, 12,000 mixed fish.

Str. Notre Dame, 44,000 haddock, 30,000 cod, 5500 mixed fish.

Str. Dorchester, 19,000 haddock, 67,000 cod, 8700 mixed fish.

Str. Saturn, 37,000 haddock, 15,000 cod, 18,000 mixed fish.

Str. Billow, 56,000 haddock, 49,000 cod, 32,000 mixed fish.

Andover, 38,000 haddock, 3000 cod, 8500 mixed fish.

Frances C. Denehy, 48,000 haddock, 9500 cod, 16,000 mixed fish.

Babe Sears, 15,000 haddock, 25,000 cod, 4500 mixed fish.

Doris M. Hawes, 8000 haddock, 2500 cod, 5000 mixed fish.

Olivia Brown, 15,000 haddock, 19,000 cod, 3000 scrod.

Rita B., 9000 haddock, 12,000 cod, 9600 mixed fish.

Mary DeCosta, 9000 haddock, 3200 cod, 9800 mixed fish.

Evalina M. Goulart, 4000 haddock, 1000 cod, 9000 mixed fish.

Alpar, 5000 haddock, 3000 cod.

Shamrock, 37,000 haddock, 10,000 cod, 31,000 mixed fish.

Killarney, 30,000 haddock, 14,000 cod, 12,000 mixed fish.

Mary E. O'Hara, 24,000 haddock, 4000 cod, 4000 mixed fish.

Natale II., 6100 mixed fish.

Lawrence Scolia, 2900 mixed fish.

Eddie and Lulu M., 8800 mixed fish.

Santina D., 9600 mixed fish.

Eva II., 3400 mixed fish.

St. Michael Angelo, 3600 mixed fish.

Haddock, \$2.50 to \$3 per cwt.; large cod, \$1.50 to \$2; market cod, \$1.50 to \$2; hake, \$2 to \$3; pollock, \$2 to \$3; cusk, \$1.25 to \$1.50; gray sole, 3.90 to 4 cents per pound; lemon sole, 3 cents; black backs, 4 cents; yellow tails, 11-2 cents; dabs, 11-2 cents; tongues and cheeks, 5 cents; redfish, 1 cent; catfish, 2 to 3 cents.

Portland, Me., Arrivals.

The largest total of groundfish fares in nearly a month was brought to Portland, Me., dealers yesterday, as 12 vessels landed 83,000 pounds.

The Alice M. Doughty II., Capt. Reuben Doughty, had 12,000 pounds the largest catch. Others were the Benjamin Thompson, 9500 pounds, the New Dawn, 9000 pounds; Aberrance, 8000 pounds; the Elinor and Jean, 7500 pounds; the Elva, 6000 pounds; the Bernie and Bessie, the Fannie Hickey and the Annie Louise, 5000 pounds each; the Georgie Bowden, 4000 pounds, and the Eleanor 2000 pounds. Strong winds prevailing outside kept the fleet in port last night.

Feb. 21

STATE DIVISION FOR FISHERIES IS ENDORSED

Ely's Proposal To Set Up Department for Commercial Industry Gets 100 Per Cent Approval at Conference

(Special to the Times.)

State House, February 21.—The fishing industry of Massachusetts conveyed its unanimous approval yesterday afternoon to the legislators on the proposal of Governor Ely to set up in the department of agriculture a division devoted to the interests of the commercial fishermen.

At a conference attended by representatives of the fishermen, and fish dealers of the state, heads of the departments of agriculture and conservation, members of the committee on state administration, and other interested parties, the recommendations of the Governor in his annual message to the legislature to help the fishing industry was thoroughly discussed.

Would Assist Fishermen.

Governor Ely offered the suggestion at the opening of the present session that the state, through the department of agriculture, assist commercial fishermen in marketing their products in the same way that agriculture is now aided. This would be brought about by the setting up of a division within the department of agriculture.

Senator Cornelius F. Haley of Rowley, chairman of the committee on state administration, conducted the conference in conjunction with the Massachusetts Industrial and Development Commission which has been in close touch with the problems of the commercial fishermen.

A drab picture of conditions was portrayed at the conference by representatives of the fishermen concerning the fishing industry in this state. What the fishermen want is assistance from the commonwealth in marketing their products just as the farmers of the state now enjoy. The legislators present were reminded that the department of agriculture, through its various activities, has "erected an attractive store which draws attention from customers in the state." The fishermen asked that a corner of this "store" be turned over to them so that the buying public would patronize the oldest industry in the state.

The State division of fisheries and game, located in the department of conservation, declared Representative Joseph D. Rolfe of Newbury, has built up the fisheries in this state for the benefit of the sportsmen to a remarkable degree. He believed the legislature should "turn its back for a while on the sportsmen" and assist the commercial fisheries.

Mayor Parker Speaks.

Mayor Parker of Gloucester urged assistance for the fishing fleets who, he said, are in dire need of assistance from the state.

Commissioner Arthur W. Gilbert of the State Department of Agriculture felt that his branch could conduct an efficient division to assist the fishing industry and give the fishermen some of the benefits now enjoyed by the farmers.

William A. L. Bazeley, state commissioner of conservation, was in favor of anything to help the fishermen. "He most certainly needs it," said Bazeley. The reason nothing could be done to assist the fishermen by the fisheries and game division in the past is the fact that the legislature would give the division no money. He said if the commercial fishermen presented the solid front before the ways and means committee in favor of their interests as the sportsmen have done in the past, the legislature might have done something to help them. "The sportsmen," he said, "see to it that the money they pay in licenses and fees is spent in turn by the state for their benefit."

Other Speakers.

Former Senator George A. Schofield of Ipswich, Representative Herbert W. Urquhart of Georgetown, Representative Ernest J. Dean of Chilmark and Raymond J. Kenney, supervisor of fisheries and game were among those present.

At the conclusion of the hearing Senator Haley suggested that all parties at interest get together and submit a proposal to the committee on state administration which they would deem the best method of carrying out the governor's recommendations.

FAIR SUPPLY OVER HOLIDAY

DRAGGERS AND TRAWLERS GAVE LOCAL DEALERS FAIR SUPPLY OF FISH.

Local dealers received a fairly good supply of groundfish over the holiday, when several draggers and trawlers landed fares running from a few hundred pounds up to 5000 pounds. All told, about 30,000 pounds of groundfish arrived in small trawlers and shore draggers, while gill net receipts for the two days, Tuesday and yesterday, amounted to 18,000 pounds. On Tuesday 10 of the fleet landed a total catch of 9300 pounds and yesterday nine boats brought back a total catch of 8700 pounds.

Gloucester Arrivals and Receipts.

The arrivals and fares in detail:

Eva G. Clark, dragging, 2000 lbs. fresh fish.

Gertrude E., trawling, 1000 lbs. fresh fish.

Capt. Drum, dragging, 3000 lbs. fresh fish.

Little Joe, dragging, 4000 lbs. fresh fish.

Carlo and Vence, dragging, 3000 lbs. fresh fish.

Uncle Sam, dragging, 4000 lbs. fresh fish.

Rose Marie, trawling, 3000 lbs. fresh fish.

1139 C., trawling, 5000 lbs. fresh fish.

Yesterday's Arrivals.

Josie, dragging, 1000 lbs. fresh fish. Florence and John, trawling, 1500 lbs. fresh fish.

St. Peter, dragging, 2500 lbs. fresh fish.

St. Providenza, dragging, 1000 lbs. fresh fish.

Antonina, dragging, 1500 lbs. fresh fish.

Helen L., trawling, 1100 lbs. fresh fish.

Sally Joseph, trawling, 900 lbs. fresh fish.

D. 231, trawling, 1500 lbs. fresh fish.

C. 4261, trawling, 1400 lbs. fresh fish. C. 6487, trawling, 1400 lbs. fresh fish.

D. 11, trawling, 1500 lbs. fresh fish. A. 3277, trawling, 1400 lbs. fresh fish.

Killarney, via Boston.

Babe Sears, via Boston.

Olivia Brown, via Boston.

Evelina M. Goulart, via Boston.

Alpar, via Boston.

Natale II., via Boston.

Marjorie Parker, shore.

Ethel B. Penny, shore.

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Joanna, 700 lbs. fresh fish.

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Elvira Gasper, dragging.

Alvan T. Fuller, dragging.

Loura Goulart, haddocking.

Funchal, shore.

John A. Cooney, dragging.

Mary M., trawling.

Emma Marie, dragging.

On the Railways.

Sch. Killarney and boat St. Providenza are on Parkhurst's railways. The gill netter Elizabeth and James is on Rocky Neck railways.